Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Johnston named chief information and technology officer

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 25, 2009) — Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Helen Mountjoy today announced the appointment of Stuart Johnston as chief information and technology officer for the cabinet. He will begin his new duties Oct. 1.

Johnston of Georgetown will be responsible for the design, development and implementation of the cabinet's information technology projects which impact internal and external initiatives. He will provide guidance to offices within the cabinet regarding information technology matters.

Johnston, who most recently served as the chief information officer at the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), has worked in Kentucky state government in various information technology and management positions for more than 10 years. While at CPE, he was the project manager for the award winning www.e3.ky.gov site, a collaborative multidisciplinary technology initiative featuring education, employment and economic development data.

Prior to his employment with state government, Johnston worked for several corporations as a project manager, application developer, data base analyst and security analyst.

"Stuart has a proven track record of successfully overseeing large information technology projects and initiatives," said Mountjoy. "In addition, his years of experience managing education and employment data will fit well with our cabinet's mission."

Johnston graduated from Alvernia College in Reading, Pa., in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and management.

"I'm looking forward to using my technology and management experience on the cabinet's initiatives," Johnston said. "Accurate education and workforce development data collection and analysis plays a critical part in improving our school system and bringing in more and better paying jobs into Kentucky."

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